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A
True and Faithful ACCOUNT
OF THE
Count de Lozune's

Deserting with all the *French* Forces : The Strong and
Important Garrison of *LIMMERICK*.

Sent Express by His Majesty King *WILLIAM*, to
the Queen at *White-Hall*.

AS ALSO,

A late Letter from Sir *Clouesly Shovell*, of his Enterprize
with a Squadron of His Majesties Ships, in the Bay
of *Waterford*, on the Coast of *Ireland*.

13. Aug. 1690

L Ast Night a Messenger came Express, from the King, out of *Ireland*, bringing
Her Majesty the glad Tidings, that that which appeared the most difficult
to accomplish, viz. The reduction of the Town and Castle of *Limmerick*, consider-
ing the strength and situation of the Place, which renders it almost Impregnable,
did in a most wonderful manner, as it were by the Providence of the Almighty, to
astonish and intimidate the *French* Garrison, upon approach of His Majesties Forces,
strike a Terroure and Diffidence of their own pretended Prowess and Valour, in such
a nature, that the Count de Lozun, General of the *French* Forces, not being willing
to give the *English* the opportunity of Signalizing their Courage a second time, having
already sufficiently experimented the Effects thereof, on the River *Boyne* ; and there-
upon, gave Orders for all the *French* to draw thereout, with what Baggage they could
possibly convey, and take their March towards *Galloway*, carrying with him 3 Pieces
of Cannon, some Arms and Ammunition, giving out, to delude the simple *Irish*,
That he had Express Orders from his Master, to take Shipping, to assist the rest of
the *French* King's Forces, that were making a descent in the *Western* Parts of *England*,
which by 5 *German* and *Walloon* Deserters was brought to the King, having the day
before arrived at his Camp, within 8 or 10 Miles of the place : And also confirmed
by many others, with the addition, That Collonel *Lutterell*, with 3 Companies of
Irish, had taken possession thereof ; and 'tis not to be doubted, but they will gladly
accept of His Majesties Mercy, and Surrender the same. To which end, the King
has Expedited a considerable Detachment, with a preremptory Summons to the Go-
vernour, to deliver it up ; which, by our next, we shall be able to give a more am-
ple Account of that proceeding, there being above 60 heavy Cannon for Battery,
and 20 Mortars, drawing before it. Already a great many *Irish* flocks in to take His
Majesties Protection ; the rest are got the other side the *Boyne*, and scampers away
in great Parties. And 'tis affirmed, that *Tyrconnel* himself, not thinking himself safe
in *Limmerick*, is gone after the *Monsieurs* ; but Sir *Patrick Trant*, and some other
of the *Irish* Gang is got therein, thinking to obtain some favourable Conditions.

*Sir Clouesly Shovell's Letter to a Friend in London, from
on Board the Monk, at Sea, off Milford-haven, July, 90.*

WHAT Offers at present, is only to let you know that I have been on the Coast of *Ireland*; and on the 26th Instant in the Evening, I Anchored near the River of *Waterford*, and the 27th in the Morning, I went into the River in the *Experiment*, and *Grayhound*, and all the Boats were with me. We had notice by the People ashore that *Waterford* had Surrendered two or three days since; and *Duncannon* Castle was Summon'd, but refused to deliver on any Conditions. I immediately Writ to Major General *Kirk*, who was at *Waterford*, that I would assist him with three or four Friggats, in Order to Attack the Castle: which he readily accepted, then with our Boats we sounded near the Castle. They Fired several Guns at us, but presently sent to the Major General, to let him know they would accept of his Terms; and accordingly on the 28th, about Three in the Afternoon, Governor *Burk*, Marched out with about 250 Men with their Arms, Bagg and Baggage, leaving the Castle with 42 Guns in it. Governor *Burk* told me he was mightily surprized to see our Ships there, for they were perswaded that none of our Ships durst put to Sea, for fear of the *French*; and if we had not come, he would have kept the Castle three weeks, in dispute of our Army. The Major General, says they, would have given them trouble to take it, and what was most would have lost him time, which at present is very precious. If the Major General had marched towards *Cork* and *King'sale*, we would have sailed along by him, for our appearing doth equally encourage the Protestants, as discourage the Papists: But our Army is all marching towards *Limmerick*, where *Tyrconnel* has rallied his Forces, and the *Irish* from all parts are gathered to him; and I believe they will venture another Battle. The 29th I sailed from before *Waterford*, the *Pembroke* came to me from Cruising, being one of our Scouts, and chased 3 Vessels that sailed from *Waterford* the day we Anchored there, two he took and the third he chased ashore near *Cork Harbour*, where she staved; she was the Brigganteen that *Thompson* used to ferry over from *Dublin* to *Wales*.

The *French* masters of these Vessels confirm what we heard off at *Waterford*; that the *French* Men of War that are upon the Coast of *Ireland*, are all sailed towards *Limmerick*; also all Privateers and Merchant Ships are commanded thither, for he with the other two were tacking thither. 'Tis believed that all together, they have upwards of 50 Sail there, whereof 25 are Men of War, Fire-ships and Privateers. 'Tis believed they will push on another Battle, and if beaten, the *French* will secure their Retreat in their Ships, if not prevented. They certainly keep *Limmerick*, and not suffer the *Irish* to come into it, in order to make the securer Retreat. Many of the common *Irish* have laid down their Arms, and come in upon the Kings Declaration; and about 600 of the *French* blue Regiment are come in, which were the best Regiment the *French* had in *Ireland*; they are most Protestant Germans. My Lord *Dover* is come in with about 20 Horse Men. Our Army is in great heart, and I question not but the whole Kingdom will be in our hands by *Michaelmas-day*.

Tours, Clouesly Shovell

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